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RALEIGH, N. C. SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 23, 1861.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

third page of to-day's paper. Our readers, ed. In the horse and mule department the we feel assured, will agree with us that the brief, and sensible, and in admirable contrast with the messages of the latter-day Presidents of the United States. It gives a cheering account of the progress and prospects of our young Republic, and in regard to the diversity of business pursuits which must ensue in the Confederacy, throws out views which cannot fail to strike forcibly the minds of the statesmen of Europe. A large manufacture of Cotton in the South must of course materially diminish the quantity exported to foreign countries, and the question for Europe, and especially Great Britain, will be, how is the deficiency in the supply of American cotton to be made up ! .

The President's views on the seizure of our Ambassadors on board of a British vessel, are just what we felt sure they would be, and how a doubt can be entertained as to the character of that transaction we cannot conceive. The deck of a British vessel is as gally have been arrested in London as on board a British ship sailing under the protection of the flag of its nation. Had this seisure of our Ministers been made in Yankee waters, or on board of one of our own vessels, there would have existed no right of complaint But their embarkation was from a neutral port and on a neutral vessel, and their seizure was a flagrant violation of national law, and a gross insult to the British

Government. That it will be so regarded we do not entertain the slightest doubt .-Great Britain has always been particularly sensitive concerning her naval character and supremacy, and has more than once gone to war on account of much less provocation than the infatuated Yankees have given her. There is, therefore, but this alternative for the Baboon Government-it must restore our Ministers to the protection whence they were wrested, with an humble apology to Great Britain, or prepare to engage, yard-arm and yard-arm, with that power of which it has been said

At the last session of the Yankee Congress a Committee was appointed to investigate alleged frauds on the part of contractors for supplying the Yankee army. They met in New York, and after an investigation of seven weeks, during which immense frauds in every department of supplies were brought to light, a portion of the Committee proceeded to St. Louis, and there looked into the The Message of President Davis to the affairs of Fremont's department. Here again Provisional Congress may be found on the immense frauds were ferreted out and expos-

discoveries were particularly rich and lumi-Message is an admirable one. It is plain, nous. It would seem that the Yankee Jockeys could give the Yorkshire Jockey, or "Horse Chaunter"-to use a school-boy's phrase, "fat and the go," and beat him to death at his own game. An idea of some of the purchases may be found in the following report of inspectors :

CAMP SULLIVAN, WARSAW, Oct. 21, 1861. To Colonel William Bishop : The undersigned having been summoned, as

Board of Surveyor, to examine and inspect the condition of the horses forwarded to this regiment from St. Louis, and report the result to your headquarters, would respectfully report that we have examined said horses and find seventy six (76) fit for service, five (5) dead, and three hundred and thirty (330) under-sized, under and over age, stifled, ring-boned, spavined, and incu-rably unfit for any public service, said horses be-ing a part of the Missouri contract.

Very respectfully, DAVID McKEE, Major. [Signed] GEO. ROCKWELL, Captain. JOHN SCHEE, Lieutenant.

CAPTAINS FOOTE AND ASHE. We had the pleasure of seeing in this place day or two since Captain Foote, of Comsacred as its soil, and as President Davis pany I, 1st Regiment State Troops. Capsays, Messrs. Slidell and Mason might as le- tain F's Company was raised principally in this vicinity, and we are glad to learn from him that in the general his men are in the enjoyment of good health.

> We had also the pleasure on the same day of meeting with our old friend, Capt. Ashe, of the Orange Light Infantry, who looks as well as if he had not been in the battle of Bethel, and done arduous campaign service judge how that emotion would affect another." ever since.

HUTTON & FRELIGH'S SOUTHERN MONTHLY.

Treasurer-Fab. J. Hutchins. Secretary-P. F. Pescud.

The President re-appointed the Executive and other Standing Committees, which were appointed by him at the last annual meeting.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet at th call of the President.

W. R. HOLT, President. P. F. PESCUD, Secretary.

FOR THE REGISTER. FIFTH BEGIMENT N. C. VOLUNTEERS. CURTIS' LANE, Nov. 14th, 1861.

colder. MR. EDITOR :- We are now at this delightful retreat for the second time. It is about ten miles below Yorktown, and a little over a mile from the noted Bethel. When we were here before, we spent five or six days charmingly, being exposed to pelting rains and the chilling winds of October. We took up our quarters under some old sheds made of pine tops, that had for some time been used by all the hogs of the neighborhood as a retreat, and on our routing them, they left behind, to our very great annoyance, any number of fless, that feasted themselves on the beef-fed flesh of our mortal bodies. Poor fellows! how we scratched, and rolled, and sometimes said ugly proved words about these naughty and ill bred fleas .---But we should not blame them. They were enly patterning after the most of the bipeds of this Peninsula, who are always on the qui vive to make themselves fat off the poor soldiers. We should not blame the fleas, then,-we do not blame them, and therefore ask their pardon for any insinuations to that effect.

Withal, we had a jolly time of it. We were soaking wet sometimes, but then, again, (as a worthy Sergeant of ours once said, when asked if he was'nt dry enough to take a drink,) we were "as dry as a shuck blown by the strongest north winds over the highest peak of the Appenine Mountains." We were literally dry inwardly and outwardly, for not a wee drop of spirits had we, except a few (a very few) "spirits of just men made perfect." These spirits sometimes light their lamps, and after supplying their quart pots, deliberately put them over their lamps, and thus cruelly shut out the bright light of their holy lives. But these blessed churchmen may do this in humble imitation of Devereux valet Desmarais, who said "one ought to get drunk sometimes, because the next morning one is sure to be thoughtful; and, moreover, the practical philoso-

pher ought to indulge every emotion, in order to But to our jolly time,-and a jolly time had we. The morning after our arrival, we rose at

the tap of the drum, and when we came to look about for something to eat (for we soldiers eat sometimes,) lo! and behold! not a mouthful could be found. A turnip-patch was near by, and we had a delicate little breakfast of this elegant and very . degestible (raw) vegetable. An epicure could not have got such a breakfast in Paris, the great city of victuals and pretty women. About noon we got some beef (oh ! glorious and blessed beef ! how we love it ! how we love it ! for, to tell the truth, it is a very great rarity with us (?) We have been forced to est turkeys, canvass-back ducks, fried chicken, and such gross and heavy food (?) Well, to our dinner. The bill of fare was beef and bread (sorter india rubber bread, a capital good article to make trace chains of.) We did'nt have a bit of salt, "not a grain, sir." The beef was fresh, very fresh. (Very fresh beef, you know, would be spoilt, ruined, by the application of the least particle of salt, and besides, to eat the smallest quantity of salt might give a poor soldier the scurvy, and then, why, the d-l would be to pay, for he might die, and nobody would know he was dead.) We had a fire to cook by, and a rousing, cheerful fire it was, too. At a little before 12 we gathered around, every fellow with his long sharpened stick, with a piece of beef (God bless the beef!) stuck on the end. Every tellow toasted for himself-some preferred it rare, some well done .-There was no orders from Head Quarters, Fore Quarters, or Hind Quarters, to est this blessed beef in a raw state, and so we ate it as we pleased, or rather, as we could) Our bread! well, we cooked it. Cooked it, did I say ? Yes, we cooked it ! Some in spontoons (those long handed shovels, we always ever remember to bring along, to exercise ourselves in the elegant art of ditching) othrs-well, 1 dont know how they made out ! Dinner was over, and to ditching we went, and you never saw dirt fly so. We did a heap of work that day, and our children, and children's children. will never die contented until they visit Curtis' Lane to see the great breast-works their g od old daddies threw them up with their own hands .-The Yankees aint coming to Curtis' Lane, sure. They are too smart for that. Why, sir ! we'd destroy 'em to a man. The "sleepy fifth" gets up every morning before breakfast, and the Yankees (we are told) have got wind of it. They sint coming, sir ! In the evening of the first day, we had supper. Bill of fare-Beef (no salt) and bread. Although we had none of the delicacies of our breakfast on our tea table, yet we made out between the beef, fleas, rain and cold, to worry through the night, and get up next morning ready for another sttack upon the beef (no salt) and bread. The first day and the last were pretty nearly the same. We left one Thursday morning about o'clock. No long roll was beat. We were ordered to leave as quickly as possible. almost in breathless silence. Who w We did so Who would have made a fuss, when they said the Yankees were in great numbers, just over the branch? We went up to Grafton Church, 3 miles from Yorktown. and staid there till the 31st October, when we left again, and came down here o' purpose to have a fight (so they said.) We aint had a fight yet, but we've gathered more corn, and hauled it up, from down below Bethel, than ever you saw, and we would be glad to have our friends with us at the great husking frolic. As to having a fight here, I don't dream of such thing, unless we go down to Newport News .--I think we could get accommodated there. (We wont go there this week) How long we'll stay here nobody knows, and I eckon nobody cares. It seems that we will have to worry through the winter in our almost worn out tents, or else let the winter worry us through our few short days. Really, it seems to me that we are sufficiently human to have winter quarters. Why not?

prayer, in our behalf. This is the first winter of this terrible civil war. It may last as long as the seige of Troy. If so, and we have no winter quarters provided for us, how can the Government expect ing.

us to volunteer our services in her defence any 'Tis bad policy to freeze men to death in the winter, when it can be avoided, with a hope that

they'll thaw again, and be as good as new in the If anything, therefore, can be done for us, by or through North Carolina, in the way of providing us winter quarters, let it be done without delay. The nights are cold now, and it is quite reasons. ble to suppose that winter nights will be a little Our regiment is almost itself again. The men generally are sober, quiet, well-be-haved ; some-

times hungry, and mostly at work, such as ditching, cutting down trees, &c. Some of us would More anon. AMINADAB.

N. C. STATE CONVENTION -- ADJOURN-

ED SESSION. SECOND DAY.

RALBIGH, Nov. 19, 1861. The Convention was called to order by the

President at 10 o'clock. The Journal of yesterday was read and ap-

The following gentlemen presented their credentials and took their seats as members, viz : Robert Strange, of New Hanover, vice Hon. W. S. Ashe; Neill Kelley, of Bladen, vice - Mc-

Dowell Mr. Leake presented a resolution to the effect that the Convention at the present session will not entertain any measure as regards the altering of the Constitution of the State, and looking to an early day of adjournment.

Mr. Biggs thought the resolution should be referred to a committee of one from each Judicial District, which was concurred in, and the Presi- > On motion of Mr. Graham the injunction of sedent appointed the following :

Mr. Pettigrew for the 1st district; Mr. Warren for the 2nd; Mr. Biggs for the 3rd; Mr. Mebane for the 4th ; Mr. Leske of Richmond for the 5th; Mr. Schenck for the 6th ; and Mr. McDowell of Madison for the 7th. The Calender of the unfinished business of the

ast session was read. Mr. Biggs wished to know if the calendar rep-

esented the business in the order in which was introduced, and thought it should be printed for the use of the Convention.

Mr. Mebane said it was useless to have it print-; said it would be about as reasonable to ask the Judge to have the Court docket printed for the use of the lawyers ; thought the clerks would attend to the keeping of the Calender properly. Mr. Barnes thought it would be inc in having the Calender printed, pending the resolution of the member from Richmond (Mr. Leake) confining the action of the Convention. and looking for an early adjournment.

Mr. Leake of Richmond, said that although his resolution was opposed to taking action on Constitutional questions, yet there were many other subjects which would no doubt take up the time of ed. the Convention, and thus require that the Calender should be printed. The President stated that all debate on that subject was out of order, as there is a rule requiring the Calender to be printed weekly, unless that rule was suspended by a two-thirds vote. In pursuance of the rule the Clerk was then ordered to have it printed. Mr. Foster, of Randolph, introduced a resolution calling on the Comptroller for certain tabular information in regard to taxes, which was adopted. Mr. Badger called the attention of the Convention to the subject of the iniquitous speculations now carried on in our midst. He gave notice that on to-morrow he would introduce an ordinance looking to its remedy. Mr. Rayner introduced an ordinance in regard to the wants of the Treasury. (This ordinance repeals the 7th section of the act of the last session of the Legislature, which postpones the issue of Treasury notes of a larger denomination than two dollars prior to the 18th day of Feb. uary, 1862. Mr. Rayner moved to suspend the rules, so that the ordinance might be put upon its 2nd and 3rd readings. The rules were suspended, and the ordinance passed its 2nd reading. Mr. Ruffin objected to its being now put on its 3rd reading. He thought it a serious matter, one involving grave constitutional questions, and that it ought not to be hastily disposed of. He thought some other method might be suggested to meet the demands of the Treasury-for instance, the issuing of bonds, bearing interest-in other words. some plan preventing the Convention from breach ing the Confederate Constitution ; said he wish ed more time for its consideration, as he had scrules of conscience on the matter. He moved, therefore, to refer the ordinance to the Finance Committee Mr. Rayner said that upon consultation with the Treasurer and others, he learned that this was the only way to provide ways and means for supplying the Treasury. The banks could lend no more money, and money must be had to meet the demands of the State. Mr. Battle, of Wake, said that the banks could extend their loans-that there were several hundred thousand dollars lying idle in the banks on deposit, and that he had no doubt it would be read. ly invested in State Bonds bearing interest-that this resource might be resorted to until after February. Messrs. Kittrell and Leake, of Richmond, fa vored its reference to the Finance Committee. Mr. Badger moved its reference to a special

On motion of Mr. Batchelor, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morn-

THIRD DAY WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20th, 1861.

The President called the Convention to order at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Broadus. The Journal of yesterday was read and aproved

The Preident announced that he had received momorial from the Grand Jurors of Currituck in relation to the Stay Las, asking that the Convention would amend certain portions of it, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Biggs was laid on the table.

Peyton A. Atkinson, delegate from the county of Pitt, presented his credentials through Mr. Satterthwaite, and took his seat in the Conven-

Mr. Leake, of Richmond, feom a special committee on the adjournment of the Convention, reported a substitute to adjourn sine die on the 2nd day of December

Mr. Biggs moved to suspend the rules and place the substitute on its several readings, and called for the yeas and nays, which being ordered was determined in yeas 50, nays 38. The motion was lost, two thirds not voting. Mr. Warren introduced a resolution expressing

admiration for the bravery and fidelity of the officers and soldiers captured in the Hatteras affair, which was read and lies over under the rules. Mr. Williams introduced a resolution in regard to free negroes selecting their own masters. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Ellison, a reselution that one day after adjournment all members of the Convention not in the military service and not over 50 years of age enroll themselves into a military company, equip themselves at their own expense, and volunteer their services in defence of their country. The above resolution lies over under the rules.

crecy in regard to the secret proceedings of the first session of the Convention was removed. The Calendar of the last session was then taken up, and the resolutions and ordinances were disposed of by being indefinitely postponed, informally passed over, and laid on the table.

[Many of those indefinitely postponed have been made unnecessary by the action of the General Assemply, and also by the progress of events.]

A communication was received from the Comptroller in answer to an enquiry by the Convention, giving a statement of taxes for the last five vears

Mr. Graham moved that the report be laid on the table and printed, and that each member be furnished with ten copies, which was agreed to. On motion of Mr. Graham, the Convention adourned to meet at the usual hour.

FOURTH DAY.

THUBSDAY, Nov. 21st, 1861. The Convention was called together at the usual hour by the President.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approv-

known or be absent from the State, and have The following gentle no known agent or attorney therein. the President to fill vacancies in Committees : Taxation and Revenue-Messrs. Schenck, Caldwell, of Macon, and Holmes, Military Affairs--Mr. Lyon.

with sufficient surety, for his good behavior for the space of three years, in such sum as the Court may direct. Be it further ordained, That the offences men-

tioned in the foregoing section shall be prosecuted in the County Court only, and by criminal information instead of indictment, in which the following rules shall be observed : Informations may be filed by the County Solicitor ex officio, either in vacation on in term time, and process as well for the arrest of the party. charged as for compelling the attendance of witnesses shall immediately issue thereupon. If the capias shall be served five days before the return, the defendant shall be compelled to plead and try at that term, and shall not be allowed by the Court to postpone the trial, unless for the absence of a material and necessary witness, who shall be detained by illness, or for some cause of a like nature, and shall also be required, as a condition of such postponement, to pay into Court the costs which may have accrued. And the Court shall have power to make such rules and orders for the summoning, returning and empannelling of jurors, and for the complete exercise of the jurisdiction hereby conferred, as may be deemed proper .-Informations under this Ordinance shall have priority of hearing and trial on and after the Tuesday of any term. Upon the conviction of any defendant, the Soticitor shall be entitled to tax a fee of twenty dollars, and upon his acquittal or discharge, he shall not be liable to pay any costs, but the county shall pay for the atten-dance of all material witnesses, as well for the defendant as for the prosecution. No judgment shall be stayed or arrested, and no demurrer allowed on account of any want of form or technical language in any information, if the offence shall be therein plainly and distinctly set out. From the judgment rendered in any pro-ceedings under the Ordinance no appeal shall be

alowed And be it further ordained, That the Governor shall have power, when, and so often as in his judgment the public interest may demand, to cause to be seized to the public use, all or any of the things hereinbefore mentioned, and may, in order to the execution of this power, appoint any officer or officers, person or persons, to make, from time to time, such seizures, under such rules as he may prescribe, and for ascertaining the price to be paid to the owner or owners, their agent or attorney. For any such articles so seized, the following method shall be observed two persons shall be appointed, one by the officer or person making the seizure, and one by the owners, his or their agent or attorney, who having been sworn to act justly and impartially in the premises, shall proceed to estimate the fair value of the articles seized, and to certify the same under their hands and seals, and in case of difference between them, shall choose an umpire, who shall, in like manner. make and certify such valuation, or should the owner or owners, his or their agent or attorney, on being notified of such seizure, refuse or for the space of three days neglect to name one to act in making such valuation, then the person named by the officer or person making the seizure, shall proceed, by himself, to make and certify such valuation, or should the owner be un-

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"Her march is on the mountain wave, Her home is on the deep."

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF SALT IN LYNGH BUBG .- The committee appointed by a meeting of the citizens of Lynenburg to take into consideration the exorbitant price of salt, report that their la-bors have closed, and that salt will bereafter be sold to consumers by Mesars. McDaniel & Irby at \$3 50 per sack; and that the supply, it is supposed, will be ample .- Richmond Dispatch.

This favorable result was brought about by the action of the citizens of Lynchburg in public meeting assembled. They determined to take steps to bring down the price of salt, and above we have the fruits of their action.

If salt can be bought in Lynchburg a \$3.50 per sack, we should think it might be brought to this place at \$6 per sack.

It will be seen by Thursday's proceedings in the Convention that a mode of spiking the guns of the speculators and extortioners has been proposed by Judge Badger. We do will be efficient for the eradication of a great evil.

A WORD TO THE CONVENTION.

We would respectfully suggest to the Convention the propriety of reaffirming North Carolina's solemn determination never under any circumstances to countenance any plan for the reconstruction of the Union .--We suggest this because there is an impression among the Yankees that there is a strong Union sentiment in this State, and no means of disabusing them of this idea should be

CONCERT.

of Raleigh, originally advertised to take place on Thursday evening, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, when it will come off under Professor Hansen. Looking at the rich treat in store for all lovers of music, and the object to which the sum realized by the Concert is to be devoted, we confidently anticipate a real jam in the Concert

CAMP WYATT.

We learn from a friend at this post that vention unite their sympathies with those of his its successful prosecution. or come to any understanding with any other person or persons that he shall not sell any of the things before rehearsed but at certain prices, or at JOHN MAUNDER'S friends and relations, and will wear the usual on Monday morning a Yankee steamer ap-Hon. K. Rayner moved that the Society probadge of mourning for thirty days. Resolved, That these resolutions be communi-MARBLE WOBAS, RALEIGH, N. C. Monuments, Tombs, Headstones. proached the batteries and fired three rounds ceed to the election of officers, which was adopted, not less than certain prices, shall be deemed an at them. Our men returned the compliment, and resulted in the re-election of the old officated by the President to the family of the deunlawful conspirator, and any person, upon con-Marble Mantels and Furniture. but their balls fell a few feet short of the cers, viz: viction of either of the said offences, by verdict or Mr. Hargrove offered a resolution to grant the use WORK FURNISHED AND PUT UP. confession, shall be fined not less than ----- dol-President-Dr. W. R. Holt. Designs furnished for Monuments if rea enemy, who immediately bout faced and of the Hall on Wednesday evening to Mrs. Heavsteamed off, having "taken nothing by his Vice-Presidents-Dr. E. A. Crudur, S. F. Cannot something be said or done by North Car- lin, of Granville, for a public reading in bill," or balls. and shall be required to enter into recognizance, packed and Warranted. mar 18-wly 11.5× 11.14.201 10.942.00 的"这些人情,你们的这些人的不可以在这些

We have received the November humber of this excellent Magazine, and cordially recommend it to the liberal patronage of the people of this State. It is published in Memphis, Tenn., by Messrs. Hutton & Freligh, at \$3.00 per annum for a single copy ; \$5.00 for two copies to one address or post office ; six copies for \$15, &c. We subjoin the list of contents of this number, which will be found varied and interesting :

A New Theory of Finance; Gen. G. T. Beauregard ; The Burial of Irene ; What is a Dream Josephine, the Embroiderer of Paris; To Mary N -n; The Madonna; A Ghost Story; South Carolina and South Carolinians ; The Mississippi Boy; Political Dream-Land; The Methodist Preacher and the Robber; The Bible; Waiting; My Uncle Peter's Story ; Flowers ; To My Sister-To an Absent Friend ; The South ; Kentucky; Where Is Thy Throne, The Minds Cultivation ; The Dying Poet; Lyrics; Iredell ; New Southern Grammar; Our Sanctum; The Rambler; Compendium of News; Necrology: Publishers' Notice, etc.

FROM THE PENINSULA.

We call attention to the letter of our spicy correspondent "Aminadab," who seems to be as lively as a cricket amidst many disagremens. His complaint about a want of winter quarters, the tents being insufficient for the shelter of the soldiers, should be at once attended to by the authorities. The weather is now cold, and will soon be colder, and as troops must be kept in the field, they should be hutted.

sincerely hope that the mode, if adopted, NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE AGRICUL-TURE SOCRETY, HELD IN RALEIGH, NOV. 19, 1861.

> The Society met in the Hall of the House of Commons, at 7 o'clock, P. M .- the President, Dr. W. R Holt, in the Chair.

> The President addressed the Society on the sad condition of public affairs, which had prevented the usual Exhibition of the products of the State in the Agricultural and Mechanical departments, and urged the importance of keeping the Society in existence, that the rich fruits which had been produced by its influence upon the people of North Carolina might be continued and increased after our beloved country is restored to peace.

Judge Ruffin likewise alluded to the great imrovements and increased production in the State, in the several departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Pomology, Stocks, &c., since the organization of the Society, as an additional reason why the Society should continue to exist.

Hon. D. M. Barringer offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That while in the present condition of the country, it is not deemed expedient to hold our usual Annual State Fair, the members of this Society will continue earnestly and zealously to cherish and maintain our organization, not only for the manifold benefit it confers in time of peace, but as greatly useful, if not indispensable, in time of war, in fostering and securing the elements of

committee, as there were several members of the Finance Committee absent, and as the subject denanded an early consideration. The motion was agreed to, and the President

appointed Messrs. Ruffin, Rayner, Strange, Car-

Mr. Badger moved that a Committe of two be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the Convention and its readiness to receive any communication from him upon public affairs that he might make either now or from time to time during the Convention.

The motion was agreed to, and the President appointed Messrs. Badger and Ruffin as the Com-

Mr. Satterthwaite moved that the President fill the vacancies in the various committees caused

with regret of the death of A. C. Stewart, the delegate to this Convention from the County of Alex-

young, so amiable, so intelligent-with a life promising such usefulness to the community, the Con-

On the 23rd section Constitution-Mr. Atkin-On the elegibility of Minister, of the Gospel

to sit in the Legislature-Mr. Caldwell, of Row-On resolutions concerning members-Mr. Kel-

On Address-Messrs. Strange, Howard, Leak, f R., and Setzer.

Mr. Foster, of R., presented a petition from citzens of Randolph for a repeal of the Stav Law. Mr. Johnson presented petitions from citizens

Gaston on the same subject. Mr. Schenck moved to have the petitions, together with the memorial of the Grand Jury of Currituck, referred to a select committee of one from each Congressional District, to be known as the Stay Law Committee.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Christian introduced a resolution instructing the members of Congress from this State to vote for increasing the pay of privates in the army.

Mr. Headen, a resolution to the effect that a select committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the Sequestration Law.

Mr. Woodfin, a resolution to appoint a select Committee to make enquiries concerning salt, and report by ordinance or otherwise. Mr. W. moved suspend the rules and place the resolution on its final reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Carson, a resolution to appoint a Committee of one from each Congressional districts to enquire into and examine the accounts of the disbursing agents of the State, for transactions since the 1st of April last.

Mr. Leake, of R., moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait on the Ministers of the City and invite them to open the proceedings of the Convention with prayer.

The President referred the gentlemen to a rule on the subject, and he withdrew his motion. Mr. Leak, of R., from the Committee, reported back a substitute of his resolution, offered last Tuesday, proposing to adjourn sine die on the 2nd December, which was read.

It was discussed at some length by Messrs. Biggs and Leake, of R., in behalf of, and Messra. Warren, Graham and others, against it.

The question being put, Mr. Biggs called for the ayes and nays, which being ordered, resulted: Yeas 57 : navs 43.

Mr. Badger, according to notice, introduced the following ordinance concerning the speculators in the prime necessities of life, which passed its first reading, and was ordered to be printed :

Be it ordained by this Convention, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That whoseever shall engress or get into his hands, by buying, contracting or other means, corn or other graving in the fields, or any other corn or grain, or beet, either resh, salted or smoked, cheve, fish, coffee, sugar, tea, saltpetre, or other dead victual whatsoever, to the intent to sell the same again at uneasonable prices, or to keep the same from market, and prevent the same from passing into the hands and use of the people, or to any other intent than for his own consumption or for charitable distribution amongst poor and necessitous per-sons, shall be deemed and unlawful engroser, and who seever shall make any motion, by word, letter, message or otherwise, to any. person or persons for the enhancing of the price or dearer selling of any thing above-mentioned, or else dissuade, move or stir any one coming or purposing to come to any city, town-market, port or other place within this State, to abstain or forbear to bring or convey any of the things before rehearsed, to any such city, town-market, or other place, to be sold, shall be deemed a forestaller. And wheseever shall make any promise, enter into any agreement

the Chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county in which such seiz-ure may be made, or if made in any incorporated city or town, the mayor or chief officer thereof. shall name a person for and in behalf of such owner or owners, to act in making such valuation, and the valuation made in manner aforesaid, shall be held to ascertain, conclusively, the price to be paid for the article so seized, and the certificate of such valuation shall be delivered to the owner or ownree, his or their agent or attorney, or if these shall be absent or unknown, shall be deposited with the Clerk of such County Court, to and for his or their use, and such certificate shall entitle the party to payment of the valuation, either from the ficer or person making the seizure, or at the public Treasury, and if such payment be refused, the party shall be entitled to interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until payment shall be made ; but if the party shall refuse to receive payment in Treasury notes of the Confederate States, or of this State, or in current notes of the banks of this State. be shall not be entitled to interest: Provided, and it is hereby declared, That no articles shall be liable to s izure which are held or possessed by any one for his own personal use and that of his family or dependents, or 1gr the use of sick, disabled or poor and necessitious persons, or for other charitable use. By any seizure made conformably to the provisions of this Ordnance, the property in the thing or things seized, shall be immediately vested in the State, without regard to any subsequent proceedings for ascertaining the value thereof, or for any other purpose. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance

shall be in force during the present war only, except as to prosecutions, which may be pending and undetermined at the end of the war, and may. in the meantime, be repealed or modified by the General Assembly.

Mr. Ruffin took occasion, although a little out of order, to make some remarks on the ordinance. He complimented the author upon the able manner in which it was drawn up. He said that the speculation going on all over the State were of such a character as to require the most prompt proceedings, and thought that this ordinance pointed out the proper manner in which they should be dealt with. He cordially invited the attention of the Convention to it, and hoped it would oass.

The ordinance was made the special order for o-morrow 12 o'clock.

An ordinance, introduced at the last session, to mend the Constitution in regard to calling the yeas and nays in the Legislature, by Mr. Rayner, was taken up and put on its third reading, and passed, after some discussion, and was ordered to e enrolled.

Ordinances and resolutions on their last readings vere taken up, committed, or postponed indefintely. .

The ordinance in regard to test oaths, introduced by Mr. Smith of J., at the last session, was read the second time, causing some discussion Pending the discussion, Mr. Ruffin moved to

go into secret session, which was agreed to. Upon the doors being reopened, Mr. Ruffin moved that the ordinance be referred to a special

committee. The motion prevailed and the President apointed Messrs. Biggs, Badger, Graham, Rayner

and Woodfin. Mr. Tracy obtained leave of absence from the Convention from and after to-day.

On motion of Mr. Badger, the Convention adjourned.

APPREHENSIONS OF AN ATTACK ON COLUMBUS.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 20 .- Great apprehensions are felt of an attack upon Columbus. A public meet-ing has been called, to take place to-day, to devise means of detence. The Federals are concentrating an immense force at Cairo, and an attack at Columbus is hourly expected.



on and Satterthwaite, Mr. Badger begging leave to be excused.

by resignations, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Osborne announced the death of Mr. A. C Stewart, from the county of Alexander, a member of the last session of the Convention, and offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That this Convention have learned

Resolved, That the untimely decease of one so

left untried.

The Concert of the Musical Association room.